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INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF US/SA TRADE ASSOCIATION

1. "DIE BEELD", ON FRIDAY, FEB 13, UNDER THE HEADLINE
"TRADE ASSOCIATION FOR SA AND USA ENVISAGED" CARRIES
ARTICLE ON THE PRESENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA OF RICHARD H. VISSERS
FROM LOS ANGELES WHO IS AT PRESENT NEGOTIATING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A SA/USA TRADE ASSOCIATION. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE VISSERS
HAS VISITED OTHER SOTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE HE HAS MET
INFLUENTIAL BUSINESSMEN AS WELL AS GOVERMNET OFFICIALS, AND IT
IS HIS INTENTION TO CONDUCT SIMILAR MEETINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. ARTICLE ALSO STATES THE PROPOSED ASSN WILL PROVIDE INTERESTING
OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTRIES LIKE ZAMBIA, SWAZILAND, BOTSWANA, LESOTHO,
AND OTHERS TO COME TOGETHER IN A COMMON TRADE ORGANIZATION.

3. COMMENT: MANAGING DIRECTOR EVANS OF ASSOCIATED CHAMBERS
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OF COMMERCE OF SOUTH AFRICA CALLED CONGEN EXPRESSING INTEREST

IN VISSERS VISIT AND REQUESTS FURTHER INFO ON VISSERS. CONGEN
HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF VISSERS OR HIS INTENTIONS AND WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE INFO.
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